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A. NETWORK PROGRAMS

Resource Libraries

With the beginning of a new contract period, Memoranda of Understanding were sent to 25 Resource Libraries. They all signed the MOUs with the RML, agreeing to continue to support network members, participate fully in DOCLINE, and contribute network services to underserved health professionals and the public. Resource Library directors met on July 17 at the New York Academy of Medicine. (Minutes attached as Appendix A.)

Network Membership

Network membership was 670 at the beginning of the contract, with 507 in DOCLINE. The Network Programs Coordinator, Joanne Jahr, presented two hands-on classes on SERHOLD to groups in Syracuse and Newburgh, NY. Both these sessions were requested and organized by the respective 3Rs Councils. While one new member library was welcomed to the region, unfortunately five closed and seven others merged with other libraries and dropped out of DOCLINE.

Document Delivery

DOCLINE activity included the temporary deactivation and reactivation of 59 accounts; approval of 108 routing tables.

Communications

The May-June and July-August issues of the newsletter, *Middle Atlantic Perspective*, were published electronically. Publication was announced via the regional listserv MARL. These first issues contained details of the new contract, including the National Training Center and Clearinghouse; listed the Resource Libraries; and reported on the annual meeting of the Resource Library Directors.

Nineteen messages were posted to the listserv during the quarter.

Grant Programs

The announcement of the NLM Connectivity grant produced many phone calls and follow-up contacts, together with providing copies of sample grants.

B. OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Consumer Health

Erica Burnham, Consumer Health Coordinator, served as chairman of the METRO Consumer Health SIG and attended two meetings. Ms. Burnham is coordinating a mini-conference planned for Spring 2002, to provide opportunities for professional collaboration between libraries and community health educators.

Ms. Burnham attended a CHOICES Advisory Committee meeting at New York Public Library on June 25. She participated in the CH coordinators regular telephone conferences which resumed in July.

Exhibits

Staff exhibited at two health professional meetings.

June 14, New York State Perinatal Association, New York, NY, P. Falls

June 22-26, American Diabetes Association, Philadelphia, PA, P. Falls and J. Jahr
(Exhibit reports appear in Appendix B.)

The librarian of the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia invited E. Burnham to take part in the hospital=s 250th Anniversary Health Fair on May 12; MEDLINEplus information was distributed and a MEDLINEplus bag was a raffle prize. More than 150 people visited the library=s exhibit.

Ms. Burnham, together with Javier Crespo from Region 8, staffed an exhibit at the EnTech conference in Atlantic City, NJ, June 11-13.

C. STAFF ACTIVITIES

David King, RML Director and NYAM Academy Librarian, resigned and left the program in mid-August. Mary Mylenki was named Acting Director. The Academy immediately began a search for his replacement.

Mary Mylenki worked with Renee Bougard, Associate Director in Region 5, to develop the agenda for the annual RML Directors meeting held in Orlando.

E. Burnham wrote a book review of AWomen=s Health on the Internet@ for Doody=s Review Service.

P. Falls attended the Summer Institute on Low Literacy Communication Skills for Health Professionals, presented June 3-6 at the University of New England Biddeford campus, Kennebunkport, ME. Ms. Falls traveled to Rockville, MD to participate as an invited reviewer in the NLM Internet Connection Grant evaluation meeting, July 23-24. Ms. Falls received certificates for two additional CE classes, Joint Commission Standards and Developing a Cancer Resource Center, at the national MLA meeting.

J. Jahr attended a seminar by Mary E. Jackson of the ARL on A New Trends in Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery. @

Meetings Attended

Medical Library Association meeting, Orlando, FL - M. Mylenki, P. Falls, E. Burnham

American Library Association, San Francisco - P. Falls and E. Burnham assisted at the NLM exhibit; Ms. Falls also attended the meeting as a regular member.